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IN RE APPLICATION OF

Art Unit: 1617

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Examiner: Traers, Russell S.

APPLICATION NO: 08/945,249

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FOR: USE OF (R)-PENCICLOVIR TRIPHOSPHATE FOR THE  
MANUFACTURE OF A MEDICAMENT FOR THE TREATMENT OF  
VIRAL DISEASES

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

12/01/05 This is in response to the Decision on Appeal dated July 20, 2005. According to 37 CFR 1.197(a) and (c), the application will be returned to the Examiner for further action to effect the decision. In this instance, the Board has affirmed the rejection of claim 1 and reversed the obviousness rejection of claims 4 and 16-20. Further, under MPEP section 1214.06, the Examiner may proceed in two ways. Notwithstanding this, Applicants have proceeded with the following amendments before receipt of the Examiner's action to help in obtaining allowance of claims.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.